



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

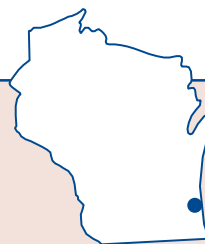
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, WI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Milwaukee was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant, three cleanup grants, and a revolving loan fund grant. Milwaukee (population 596,974), a federal Renewal Community, has documented at least 485 acres of brownfields in the city. Although assessment activities and loan funds will be applied city-wide, the primary focus will be on neighborhoods with high concentrations of tax-delinquent brownfields properties. Up to 97 percent of residents of these areas are minorities, and unemployment rates range from 13 to 19 percent. Between 34 and 39 percent of residents of target neighborhoods live in



Assessment Grant

**New
2004**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Milwaukee for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II site assessments and pursue inspection warrants for sites throughout the city, particularly those that are tax-delinquent. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites contaminated with petroleum.

Cleanup Grants

**New
2004**

\$580,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Milwaukee for three brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up the hazardous substances contamination at the Try Chem site, a former steel treatment facility at 1333 West Pierce Street, and solvents and other contaminants at two former drycleaning operations at 3009 North Humboldt Boulevard and at 2121 South Kinnickinnic Avenue.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

**New
2004**

\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Milwaukee for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund, from which the city will provide loans and subgrants for cleanup projects along the Menomonee Valley and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. The program will target industrial brownfields sites.

poverty. The three cleanup sites all are in high-density neighborhoods where between 56 and 80 percent of residents are minorities and more than 39 percent of residents live in poverty. Cleanup and redevelopment of the primarily tax-delinquent sites will create employment opportunities in neighborhoods most in need. Businesses locating at these sites will increase city and state tax revenues, and remove health threats and blight that impact surrounding properties. Job creation in these communities also will reduce air emissions by giving community residents the option to walk to work.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.